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# Graves Reveal Secret of Red Master Spy

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MOSCOW (AP)—Col. Rudolf Ivanovich Abel, the Soviet master spy whose impeccable English and intimate knowledge of Western ways permitted him to melt into American life for almost nine years, had an invaluable asset: he was born and raised in England.

Abel, who at one time or another used such aliases as Andrew Kayotis, Emil Goldfus, Martin Collins, was born William Fisher on July 11, 1903.

The new information about Abel's origin and early years came to light after some Western newsmen stumbled upon his grave marker in a Moscow cemetery a few days ago.

His white marble tombstone carries two names, engraved and painted in gold: "Fisher, William Genrykovich — Abel, Rudolf Ivanovich." It also says he was born July 11, 1903, and died Nov. 15, 1971.

## Story in Stone

Two smaller stones to the left of Abel's marker give the names of his father, Genrykh Matveyevich Fisher, and his mother, Lubov Vasilevna Fisher.

Abel was arrested for espionage in 1957, tried and sentenced to 30 years in prison. He was returned to Russia on Feb. 10, 1962, in exchange for U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers, went into semiretirement and died of lung cancer in

A reliable unofficial source said shortly after Abel's death that the spy was born and raised in England with the name of Fisher and that his father was a labor leader there.

There was no way to check the story at the time.

The tombstone confirmed the name Fisher, and a Soviet encyclopedia confirmed that Genrykh Fisher was living in England at the time of William's birth.

## Life in England

The reference work said the older Fisher was born in St. Petersburg in 1871, became a revolutionary, and associate of Vladimir Ilyich Lenin, was banished under the czar to three years in exile near Archangelsk and emigrated to England in 1901.

There, known as Henry Fisher, he worked in Britain's labor movement, joined the newly formed Communist Party and collected guns to smuggle to revolutionaries in Russia, the reference work says. It adds that he came back to Russia in 1921 after the revolution and became a Bolshevik party worker.

Abel, said to have a keen mind and a courtly old-world charm, got off a ship from Germany at a Quebec pier on Nov. 14, 1948. He carried the American passport of a dead man named Andrew Kayotis.

He dropped out of sight and then turned up in New York in the 1950s and began his life as Goldfus. He took a studio in Brooklyn Heights and told friends he was a retired photo-finisher and amateur artist. To other people he was Martin Collins, a Briton named Milton, or Mark.

In 1957, a fellow Soviet agent defected in West Germany, betrayed Abel and later testified at his

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